

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE S.G.A. PRESIDENT

The entire campus community is involved in the preparation of a year's activities denoted to bringing the college and the North County into a closer awareness of what is happening educationally at Potsdam State. At least that is what is supposed to be happening. I have spoken about this endeavor before, when we were temporarily calling it the Task Forces for Open House. Initially we asked people for their reactions to such a series of events; and almost everyone thought it was a good idea. But that was about it. When it came to real interest and sincere effort, the workers were few.

Now we have settled upon the official title for this program: PACT-People and College Together, and unless we start doing something, no one will be getting together. This is not some Public Relations gimmick, to build up our image. It is an opportunity and a challenge for us to show to the community what we are capable of, and to prove to ourselves that we can rise out of our academic whirlpool and demonstrate the usefulness and productivity of our efforts. We are all, each and every one of us, being asked to contribute

some of our time and talents to this project. We are perpetually reminded that this is a "community" and yet we fail to see that sharing is an inherent part of the idea of a community. The expertise that each of us possesses, should be used to make this year of interaction a success. This applies to students and faculty and administrators and non-teaching professionals, and everyone else who is associated with Potsdam. The sky is the limit when it comes to possibilities for activities. We deal every day with hundreds of approaches to education and learning. This variety must be communicated to people off the campus, and to do this the people and the college must get together. We need ideas and we need support. Next year can be more interesting and worthwhile than any in Potsdam State's history; but only if all get interested in next year.

Right now, the student activities budget for next year is being reviewed. The preparations on the proposed requests necessary before the Senate can consider the budget, are drawing to a close. The Finance Committee and Cabinet are nearly finished their deliberations and

the executive Committee of Student Government will get the budget to the Senate early next month. The unfortunate part of all this is that the amount of input from the members of the student body has been positively pitiful. The Open Hearing was participated in less than 2% of the student body, and many of these people were involved in some organization or other. If the students are not concerned with the way their money is spent, I can understand this lack of interest. But there always seem to be complaints about the way SGA operates, and about how students don't know where their money goes. WE, if you want to know, see your Senator, he is your link with the Student Government structure; he is your voice in Senate. Don't complain next year about how the funds are being used. Now is the time to have your say. Tell your Senator how he should vote in order to represent you. This is your last chance; the middle of April the budget will be passed. Start asking questions now, and keep asking them until we're done. Next year's activities depend on this year's budget considerations. So speak now or forever....

letters

To the Editor:

In reply to the recent letters from some residents of Stage XIII bemoaning the lack of adequate services to that dorm by WNTC and WRPS, I'd like to comment.

WNTC's transmitting equipment is built from the ground by our technical staff. We don't buy our equipment, we build it. This also holds true for much of our studio equipment as well as the Stage XIII transmitter.

Our purchase orders for parts for this project were delayed by the CCSA comptrollers. Actual construction of the transmitter was hampered by a shortage of qualified, willing help. In addition, installation of WNTC equipment in the building itself was delayed by SUCP red tape.

All this is offered in way of information, not excuse. Construction, maintenance, and operation of WNTC is no small task and we always welcome new help and new faces. Rather than just gripe, how about getting your hands dirty and help, huh? We'd be glad to see you.

Steve Mushynsky

To the Editor:

This letter is written as a response to, and an explanation of certain statements made by Mr. Cooperdock as he defended a proposal for an independent newspaper.

First of all, the issue of censorship. In citing the need for a paper 'free of censorship' Mr. Cooperdock decries the elimination of Peter Fusco's column 'EUB' from the Racquette two years ago. It was stated that it occurred due to 'real and anticipated pressures from the college president and the head of food service.' As I was News Editor at that time, I can state that this is untrue. The termination of Mr. Fusco's column was voluntary, because although none of his columns were totally rejected, he felt that he could not work within the structure of our editorial policy. The article in question, concerning Mr. Johnson, was submitted after the submission deadline, but more importantly, contained blatant lies, libelous accusations, unsupportable statements, and was offensively written. This does not mean the use of obscenity, as such language had been published during that year. Neither the New York Times nor the Berkely Barb would print articles that they knew to be lies.

More important, the censoring in that case, as was true all of the time that I served on the Editorial Board, was done solely by the Board (as in the case with any newspaper) and not by imagined nor real pressures from the administration. The paper's stand on several other actions of the administration indicates that we were in no way 'influenced' by them. Even on an independent newspaper, some control would be exercised by the editorial board.

Personally, I support the idea of an independent newspaper, provided it is just that, and not a substitute for the two existing papers. I feel that the two papers, while not perfect models of journalism, do play an important part in the campus life of both schools, a feature which is (especially in the case of State) enhanced by its location.

Finally, if Mr. Flahive wants a truly independent newspaper, he should not expect either the CCSA nor SGA to fund it in any case, particularly at the expense of the Integrator or the Racquette.

Kathy Eilers

To the Editor:

I am involved with publicity for the Art Openings and would like to make the announcement that the Art Department would greatly appreciate it if the students on this campus would leave the posters that are put up for advertising where they are. Placing these posters does take time and are important for advertisement of the opening of each show — they are removed before the show even opens. We are overjoyed that you like the posters so much, but please, if you want one there are plenty of extras and are available in the Art Office on the second floor of Brainerd Hall. Please be considerate and leave our posters up! (At least until after the starting date of each show).

Thank you,
Anne Kathryn Shemming



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Potsdam Budget Cut \$277,000

To: All Members of the Academic Community
From: Thomas M. Barrington, President
Subject: 1973-74 Budget

The Governor has sent to the Legislature a 1973-74 budget for the State University College at Potsdam which exceeds that of 1972-73 by only \$277,000. However, provision has been made in the overall budget of State University for several lump sum appropriations and we are making application for our fair share of these additional appropriations.

The following constitute items of considerable significance in our own local budget:

FTE (Full Time Equivalent) student enrollment is increased by 116.

New positions have been recommended:

- 3 instructional positions
- 1 Associate Dean for Music
- 1 Accountant
- 1 Account Clerk
- 1 Editorial Associate
- 1 Stenographer
- 1 Technical Assistant for Educational Communications

\$96,000 is listed to take care of mandated salary annualizations - (actually \$190,000 is the amount required).

Summer session budget is increased by \$16,000

Provision for price increases - utilities, college infirmary, computer rental

\$10,000 for Educational TV Equipment

Decrease in 'Forced Savings' from \$258,000 to \$228,000.

We shall keep all members of the academic community informed as to action of the State Legislature in conjunction with the proposed budget for Potsdam State for 1973-74; we shall also provide definite information (as soon as it becomes available) with respect to our applications to share in lump sum appropriations ear-marked for State University instead of being for one particular unit of the University.

T. Barrington.